2619/2620 Nizamuddin-Bangalore Rajdhani Express trains.

(b) and (c) Due to non-availability of adequate space for stacking of linen in the coach, it is not feasible to supply bed rolls.

Non-stop passenger trains between metropolitan cities

1208. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board is considering a proposal to introduce non-stop passenger trains between different metropolitan cities of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The suggestion was made by one of the Sub Groups of the Consultative Committee of MPs for conversion, of one train each between the four Metropolitan Cities into non-stop trains.

Stoppage of 2305/2306 Train At Asausal

1209. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are considering for stoppage of 2305/2306 train at Asansol for which there is a consisting demand;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Railways in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) to (c) The demands for stoppage of 2305/2306 Rajdhani Express at Asansol were examined in detail but presently not found feasible for implementation due to operational exigencies.

Non supply of free bed-rolls in Horah Delhi Rajdhani Express

1210. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the passengers are facing a great hardship due to non-supply of bed-rolls to A.C. 3 Tier passengers in Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express :

(b) whether any complaints are being received by the Ministry from various concerns; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Railways in this regard and from when free bed-rolls would be supplied to the passengers of A.C. 3 Tier ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LEANKA): (a) to (c) Some suggestions in this rgard have been received. Due to non-availability of adequate space for stacking of linen in the coach, it is not feasible to supply bed rolls

Late running of Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express

1211. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express is running late now a days :

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Railways to maintain its punctuality ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) There have been frequent cases of late running in the recent past.

(b) Accidents, public agitatoins, engine failures, signal failures, alarm chain pulling, etc.

(c) Intensive chasing and regular monitoring on day to day basis is being done to improve the punctuality of this train.

Decline in passenger growth

1212. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of RAILAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that passenger traffic growth has gone down; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Passengr traffic has gone down in 1992-93 as compared to 1991-92.